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The above changes in the claims merely place this national stage application in the same condition as it was during Chapter II of the international stage, with the multiple dependencies being removed.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 4-8, 11, 13 and 14 have been amended as follows:

--4. (amended) An analysing method as claimed in ~~one of claims 2 or 3, claim 1~~, wherein a speed of rotation of the rollers (3, 4) is determined which is adapted so that a product of average diameter undergoes a rotation on itself with an angle of rotation substantially equal to 125.5° between the first and second stations (5, 6), and with an angle of rotation substantially equal to 109° between the second and the third stations (6, 7).--

--5. (amended) An analysing method as claimed in ~~one of claims 2 to 4, claim 2~~, wherein the distance between the first and second stations (5, 6) is substantially equal to 1.15 times the distance between the second and third stations (6, 7).--

--6. (amended) An analysing method as claimed in ~~one of claims 2 to 5, claim 2~~, wherein the cameras (8, 9) of the station (5) comprising two cameras are arranged in such a way that their respective optical axes define a V with a vertex angle substantially equal to 109°.--

--7. (amended) An analysing method as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, claim 1~~, wherein the first station (5) is equipped with two cameras (8, 9), and the second and third stations (6, 7) with one camera (12, 14).--

--8. (amended) An analysing method as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, claim 1~~, wherein three photographs of each product are taken at the first and third stations (5, 7), and a single photograph of the said products at the second station (6).--

--11. (amended) An analysing device as claimed in ~~one~~

~~of claims 9 or 10, claim 9,~~ wherein the distance between the first and second stations (5, 6) is substantially in the range between 1.1 and 1.2 times the distance between the second and third stations (6, 7).--

--13. (amended) An analysing device as claimed in ~~one~~ ~~of claims 9 to 12, claim 9,~~ wherein the cameras (8, 9) of the station (5) comprising two cameras are advantageously orientated in such a way that their respective optical axes define a V with a vertex angle substantially equal to 109°.--

--14. (amended) An analyzing device as claimed in ~~one~~ ~~of claims 9 to 13, claim 9,~~ wherein the means for driving the rollers (3, 4) in rotation comprise an endless belt (20) extending, underneath the conveyer line, along the analysing means, and arranged in such a way as to be tangential to the lower generatrix of the said rollers, and means for driving the said endless belt which are suitable for causing the latter to run at a regulable running speed which is different from that of the conveyer line.--